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In re application of:

JEFFREY W. RONNE et al.

Group Art Unit: 3616

Examiner: Laura B. Rosenberg

Serial No.: 10/087,500

Filed: March 1, 2002

For: SNAP-IN ROOF RAIL AIR BAG ASSEMBLY AND  
METHOD OF INSTALLATION

Attorney Docket No.: GP-301390 (GM0447PUS)

**DECLARATION OF JEFFREY W. RONNE and JEFFREY J.  
SCHULTZ UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. As stated in the attached Declaration and Designation of Correspondence Address filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2002 (Exhibit A), I am an inventor of the above-referenced invention.

2. As stated in Question 1 of the attached Record of Invention (Exhibit B), the subject matter of the Record of Invention (which includes the subject matter of claims 1-5 and 7-11) was disclosed outside of General Motors on September 15, 1999 and, therefore, was conceived no later than that date. The disclosure was made to an employee of Autoliv, Inc., a supplier of automotive air bag assemblies. The Record of Invention was signed by Jeffrey J. Schultz on March 26, 2001 and by Jeffrey W. Ronne on March 27, 2001.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this paper, including all enclosures referred to herein, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage pre-paid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on:

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Patrice Uchiro Leland  
Name of Person Signing

Patrice Uchiro Leland  
Signature

3. Notes of Mr. Schultz (Exhibit C, page 1) establish conception by Mr. Schultz and Mr. Ronne of snap-in clips permanently attachable to a roof rail with removable screws for servicing the air bag module no later than September 8, 1998. The Notes of Mr. Schultz (Exhibit C, page 2) further establish conception of the fastening portion and cushion retention tab subject matter of claims 1, 7 and 10 no later than October 27, 1998. The Notes of Mr. Schultz (Exhibit C, page 3) further establish conception of the air bag module, air bag with cushion retention tab, snap-in clip with fastening portion and serviceability attachment feature as claimed in claims 1, 3, 4 and 10 no later than September 21, 1999.

4. Notes of Mr. Ronne (Exhibit D, page 1) dated November 10, 1998 describe a snap-in roof rail airbag assembly. The Notes of Mr. Ronne (Exhibit D, page 2) dated September 7, 1999 provide drawings of snap-in clips permanently attachable to a roof rail, selectively attachable to the cushion retention tab and having a fastening portion and a removable serviceability attachment feature as claimed in claims 1 and 10. The Notes of Mr. Ronne (Exhibit D, page 3) dated September 15, 1999 show all of the subject matter of claims 1-5, 10 and 11 installable under the method of claims 7-9.

5. A physical embodiment of a roof rail air bag assembly having all of the elements and limitations of claims 1-5, 10 and 11 and installable under the method of claims 7-9 was first made in 1999. The model is no longer in existence and we are not in possession of any photographs of the model.

6. During the time period between September 15, 1999 and March 27, 2001, per request of Mr. Ronne and Mr. Schultz, design validation testing was carried out by Autoliv, Inc. an automotive supplier, and by General Motors Corporation. A brief description of the completed testing is found in response to question 10 of the Record of Invention (Exhibit B, page 3).

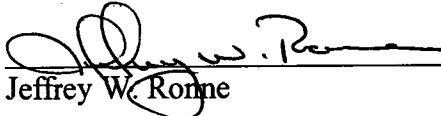
7. Exhibit E is correspondence between drafting attorney Marc Malooley, Mr. Ronne and Mr. Schultz establishing diligent efforts in drafting and reviewing the application at least between September 27, 2001 and November 19, 2001.

8. Exhibit F is a letter dated January 7, 2002 indicating that the completed application was mailed to Ms. Laura C. Hargitt of General Motors Legal Staff on that date.

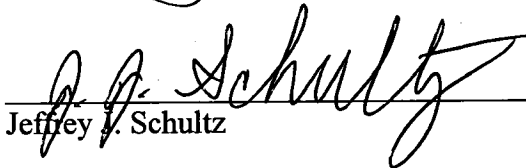
9. Exhibit G is a printout of information contained in General Motors' docketing system indicating that the General Motors Patent Review Board approved preparation of a patent application for the invention on July 20, 2001. The Record of Invention was sent to Frederick Ritchie of the Brooks and Kushman law firm, Southfield Michigan (now of the Quinn Law Group, PLLC, Novi, Michigan) on August 3, 2001 for preparation of the application. The completed application was received by General Motors Legal Staff on January 9, 2002. Documents associated with the filing of the application and requiring signatures, such as the Declaration and Designation of Correspondence Address (Exhibit A), were sent to Mr. Ronne and Mr. Schultz for their signatures on January 30, 2002.

10. The acts relied upon to establish the date of invention were carried out in the United States.

I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both and may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereon. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

  
Jeffrey W. Ronne

9/2/05  
DATE

  
Jeffrey J. Schultz

9/2/05  
DATE

**DECLARATION  
and  
DESIGNATION OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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Exhibit A  
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As an inventor named below, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the specification GP-301390 entitled

**SNAP-IN ROOF RAIL AIR BAG ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION**

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this Declaration.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

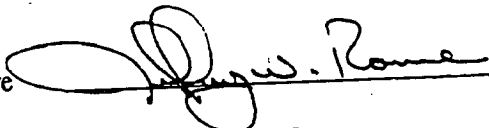
I further declare that all statements made above of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made above on information and belief are believed to be true, and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under title 18 United States Code, Section 1001 and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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JEFFREY W RONNE

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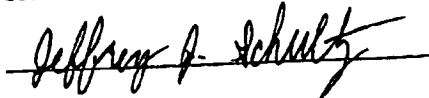
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18-APR-01

# RECORD OF INVENTION

## Part 1

This Record of Invention (Part 1) provides for the disclosure of your invention with the minimum detail necessary for an initial evaluation by a Review Board consisting of engineering/business management & Legal Staff personnel. The Review Board will consider novelty and competitive significance in determining the appropriate disposition of your invention. If the Review Board decides to pursue a patent on your invention, you will be required to prepare a Record of Invention (Part 2) containing the detailed disclosure necessary to enable the preparation of a patent application. If the Review Board decides to publish of your invention, you will be provided instructions for preparing a disclosure for publication.

Invention Title: SNAP-IN ROOF RAIL AIR BAG MODULE (CUSHION AND INFLATOR)  
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

### Inventor #1

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**Inventor #2**

Name: Jeffrey J Schultz Citizen of: United States  
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**Inventor #3 \***

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Non-GM Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City and State Zip Code

\* If there are more than three (3) inventors on a ROI use the template at the end of this form.

Answer the following questions, completing answers to the best of your knowledge.

1. This invention has been or is expected to be disclosed outside GM on: 9/15/99
2. This invention has been used or is committed to be used in production on: '03 CADILLAC CATERA 11/03/01
3. This invention has been offered for sale outside GM on: N/A
4. Was this invention made while working on a Government Contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, identify the government Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Identify the product or process in which the invention is incorporated: '03 CADILLAC CATERA  
ROOF RAIL AIR BAG MODULE
6. Provide enough detail of the specific new features, components, or steps that form the invention to enable a general understanding of its technical content and novelty. The description should be referenced by numerals to an attached drawing, (if appropriate), that highlights the specific features, components, or steps of the invention including the environment or assembly in which the invention is incorporated.

THE '03 CATERA ROOF RAIL AIR BAG IS UNIQUE IN THAT NO TOOLS ARE NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION TO THE VEHICLE SIDE RING. THE FEATURE THAT PROVIDES FOR "HAND" ONLY INSTALLATION IS A MODIFIED GARNISH MOLDING CLIP. THE CLIP WAS MODIFIED TO MEET OPERATOR ERGONOMIC REQUIREMENTS WHILE PROVIDING ADEQUATE RETENTION FOR AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT. A CLIP IS PROVIDED AT EACH CUSHION RETENTION TAB AND INFLATOR ATTACHMENT ALONG WITH A SCREW THAT ENABLES REMOVAL OF THE AIR BAG FOR SERVICE.

SEE ATTACHED DRAWINGS (JR 15001 & CO2 REV. 3/28/01)

1. AIR BAG INFLATOR
2. INFLATOR BRACKET
3. AIR BAG CUSHION TAB
4. SERVICEABILITY SCREW
5. SNAP-IN CLIP

7. What are the competitive benefits to be realized through the use of this invention? For example: cost, quality and performance improvements, new features and products, etc.

COST ADVANTAGE - NO TOOLING (IE DRIVERS) IN ASSEMBLY PLANT

- FASTER ASSEMBLY CYCLE TIME

ERGONOMIC ADVANTAGE - OPERATION CAN BE DONE FROM OUTSIDE OF VEHICLE

- OVERHEAD LIFTING OF TOOL IS ELIMINATED

- ATTACHMENTS MEET ERGONOMIC REQUIREMENTS

QUALITY - NO CROSS-THREADED ATTACHMENTS

8. To the extent known, what alternatives exist for accomplishing substantially the same result of this invention?

THREADED ATTACHMENTS

9. What are the technical benefits obtained, problems solved, and advantages realized over the alternatives identified in Item #8?

• ELIMINATES ERGONOMIC CONCERNS OF ENTERING THE VEHICLE DURING ASSEMBLY AND OVERHEAD TOOL USE

• ELIMINATES POTENTIAL FOR CROSS-THREADING AND STRIPPED THREADS

• FASTER INSTALLATION CYCLE TIME

10. What is the state of development of this invention?

DESIGN VALIDATION IS COMPLETE. HOT TEMPERATURE (185°C) TESTING IS COMPLETE. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED MULTIPLE FULL SCALE VEHICLE CRASH TESTS. COMPLETED THREE VEHICLE BUILD PHASES: BETA 1, BETA 2 AND PROTOTYPE.

PRODUCTION DESIGN IS COMPLETE, TOOLING IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CUT. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE FOR PRODUCTION TOOLING - 7/20/01.



I hereby assign this invention to General Motors Corporation  
and authorize General Motors Corporation to file an application on my behalf.

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J. J. Schultz  
INVENTOR - SIGNATURE

Jeffrey J. Schultz  
(ALSO, PRINT NAME)

3/26/01  
DATE

Jeffrey W. Renne  
INVENTOR - SIGNATURE

JEFFREY W. RENNE  
(ALSO, PRINT NAME)

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DATE

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INVENTOR - SIGNATURE

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DATE

This invention was reviewed and understood by me:

Jim Khoury  
1st WITNESS - SIGNATURE

Jim Khoury  
(ALSO PRINT NAME)

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DATE

Margaret Andreen  
2nd WITNESS - SIGNATURE

Margaret Andreen  
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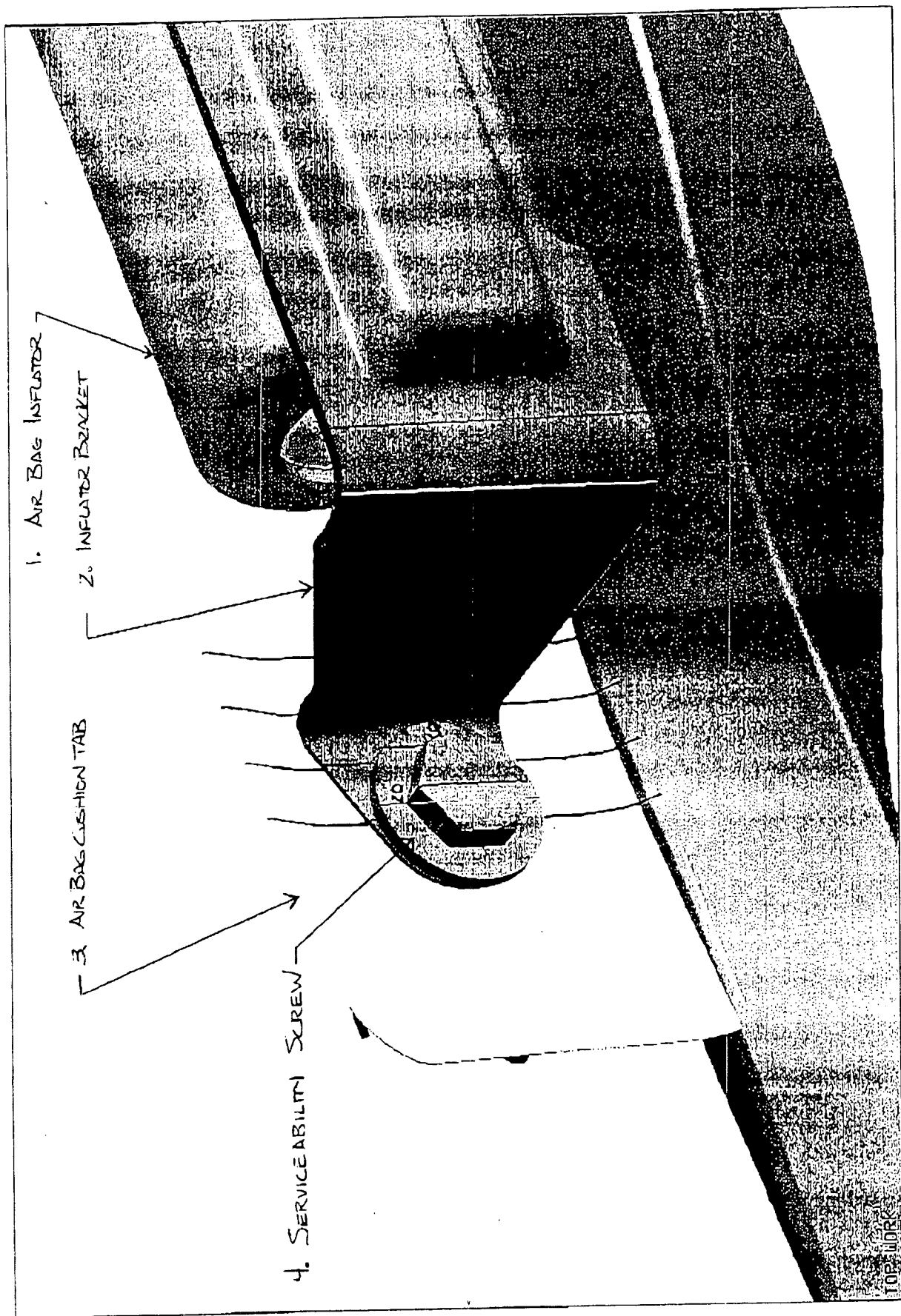
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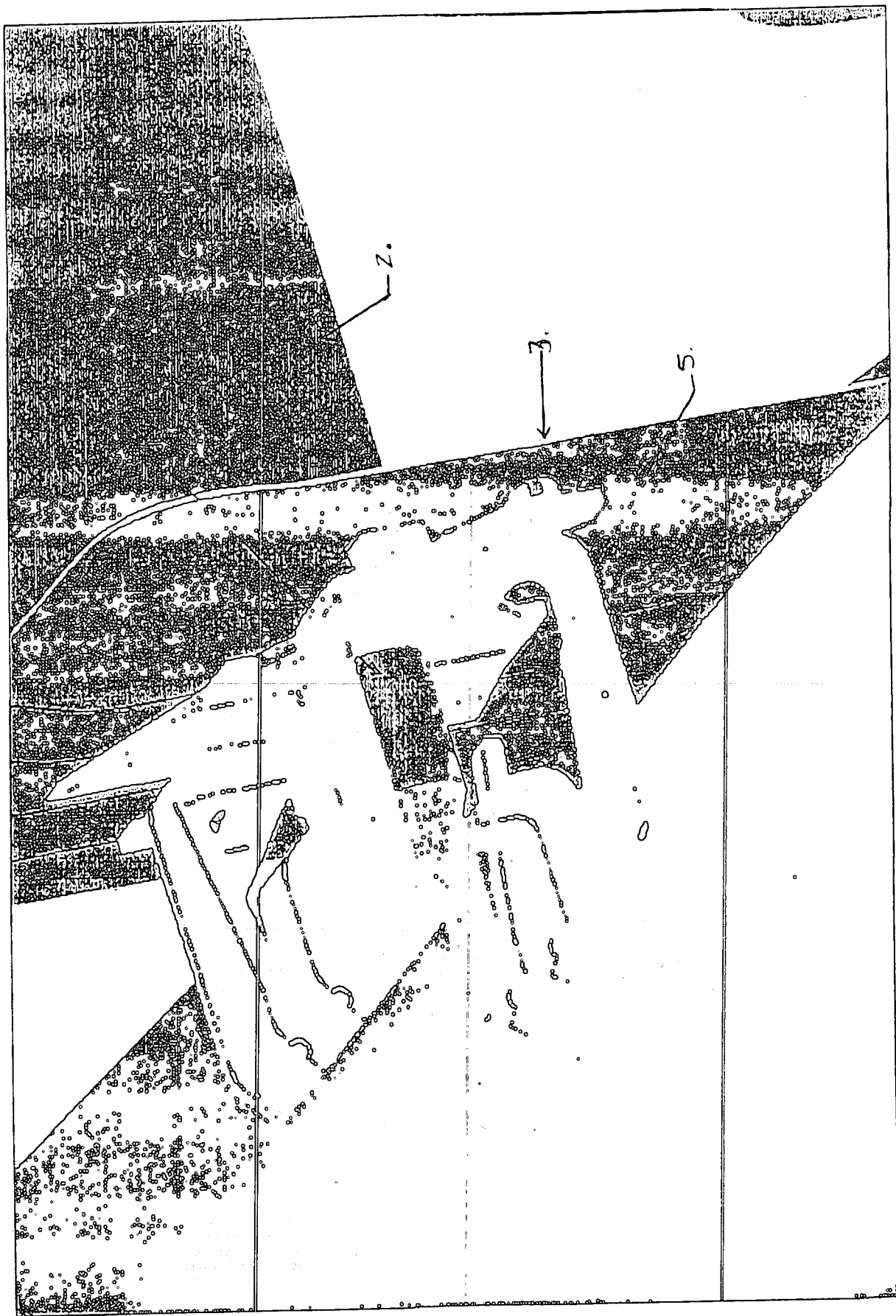
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REV.  
3/28



PDT Mtg. 9/8/98

- Ergonomic concerns w/ driving bolts overhead along roof rail  
Contact Cynthia Hernandez
- Modular system w/ headliner?
  - Installation concerns
- All snap attachment RRAB system
  - Serviceable screws
  - clips stay in body rails

Need to review the following:

- Package Study
- Develop clips to meet Ergo requirement and have high retention \*

Parallel path RRAB development with  
Seat mounted SIAB → head/thorax system

- Possibly implement for GMX320

Attendees

P. J.

J. R.

N. G.

T. M.

PIT Mtg. 10/27/98

Suppliers for RRAB System

- TRW
- Takata → No
- Delphi → No
- Autoliv

Suppliers for Developing clips

- Textron
- Emhart



- use screws to expand clip legs?

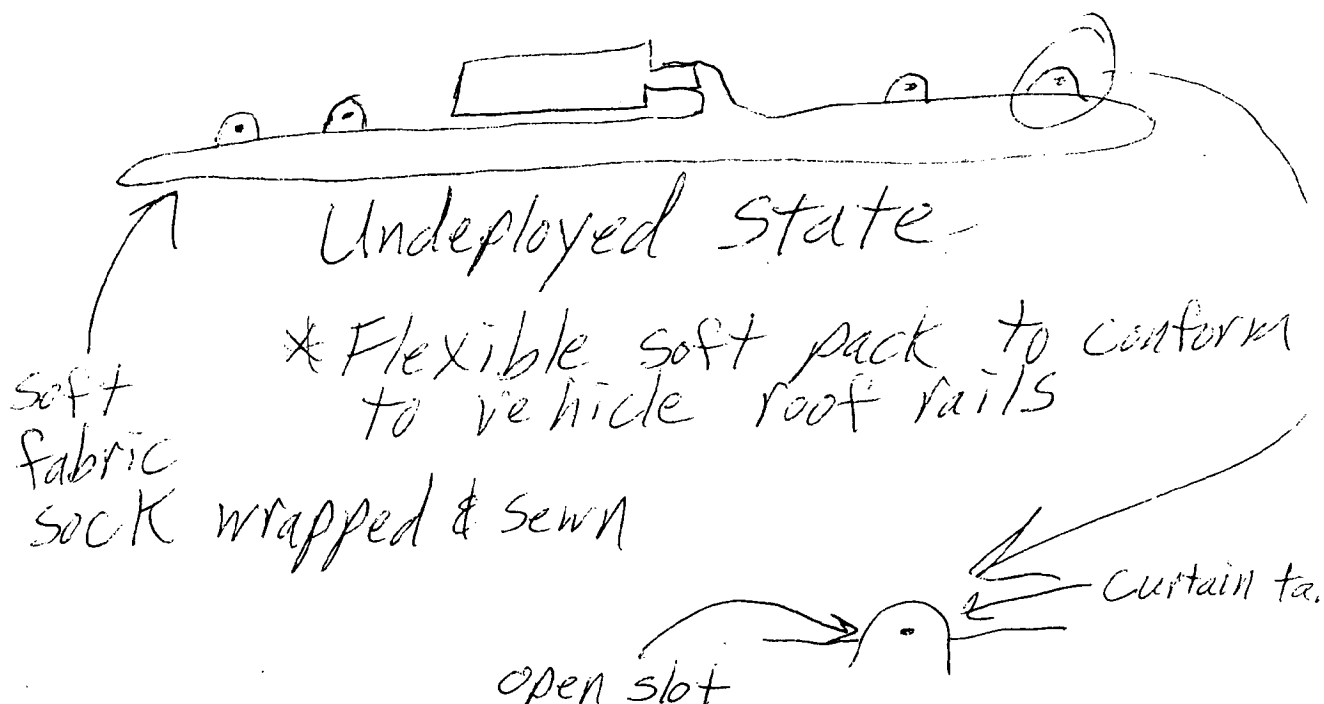
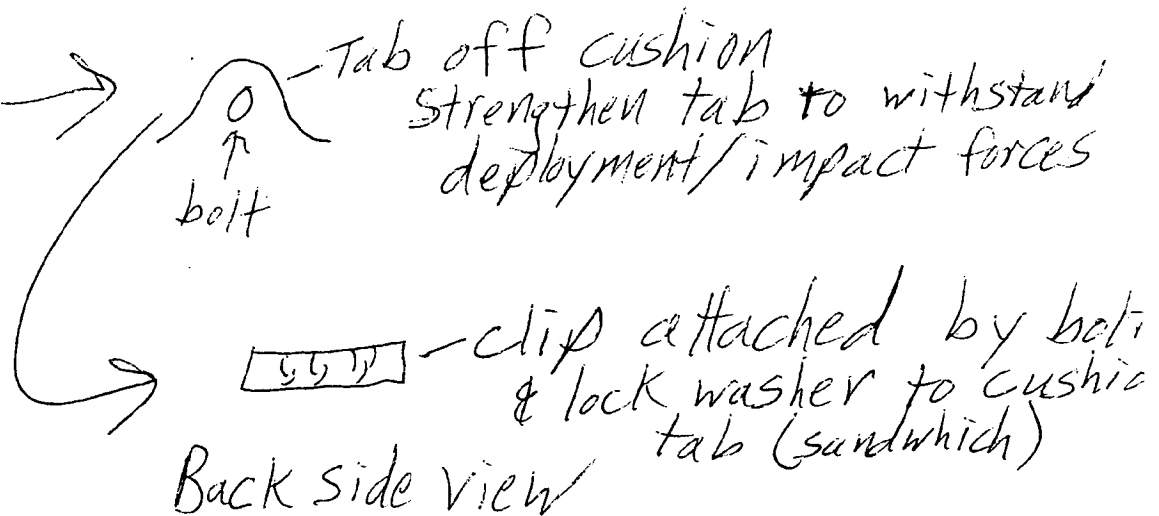
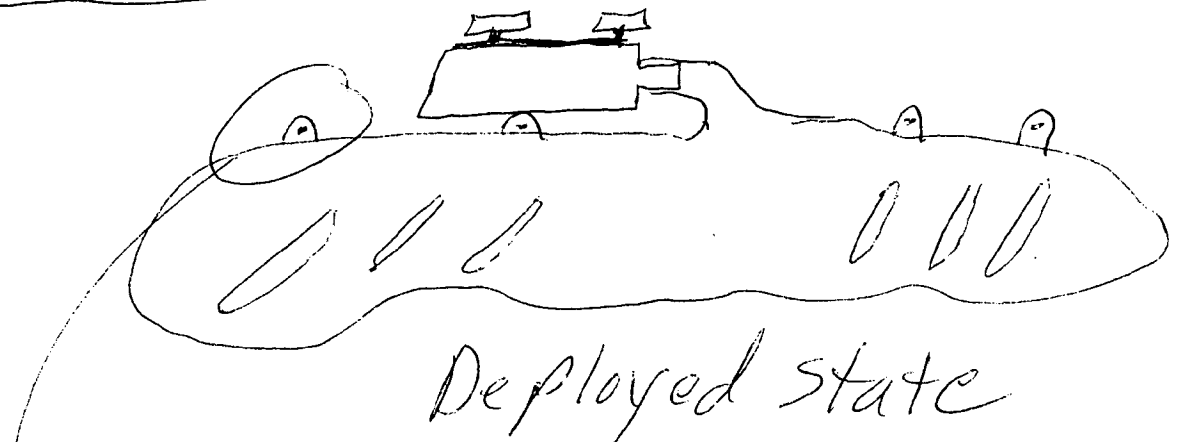
Use tab from curtain bag to have bolt/screws POA to RRAB assembly.

Should tabs be w/ curtain & cover?  
- Chk. w/ Ronne

Body structure Rail type

- Hydro form
- welded → Thickness ~~Red~~

9/21/99 GMX320 RRAB PDT Mtg.



# VAPIOR FEEDBACK

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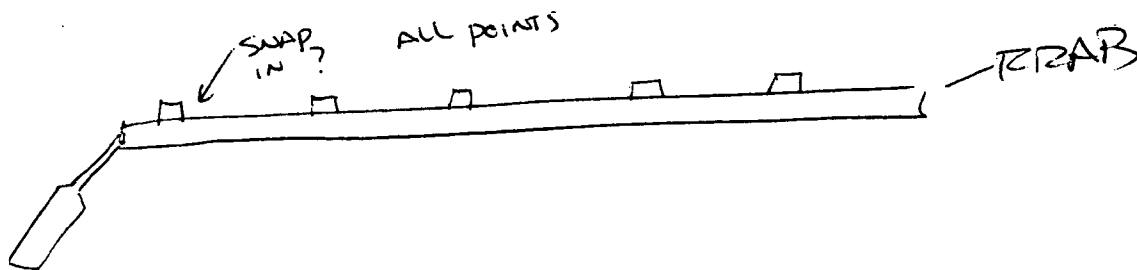
## PARK AVENUE ROOF RAIL AIRBAG STUDY

w/ Penny

TO: ED Z.

### Primary FEEDBACK

- PACKAGE SIZE CONCERNS
- Deployment ZONE (NO SPACE ABTS TOWER TO BR. LAR)
- REDD HEADLINER
- DIAG HEADCLEARANCE SACRIFICE
- D/HAM SAYS NO ABILITY TO ADD TOOLS TO EXISTING CELL (CAN WE SNAP-IN LIKE DRIVE AIR BAG?)



\* DECISION - Finish Package study  $\hat{=}$  DETERMINE  
IF ENOUGH SPACE EXISTS - VIOLATION OF DIAGNOSTIC  
head clearance NO AN OPTION

- still ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> ~~REWARD~~ <sup>REWARD</sup> ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> ~~SNAB~~ <sup>SNAB</sup>  
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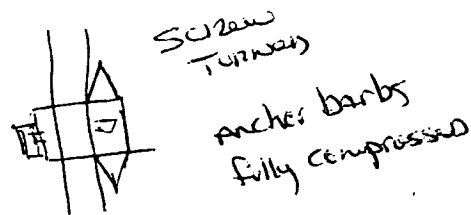
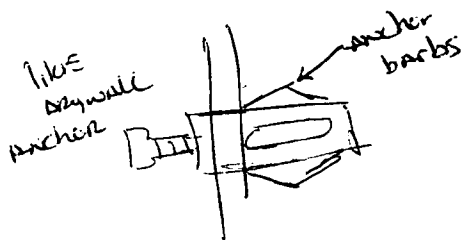
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## RRAB ATTACHMENTS

IF SNAP-IN - who CAN supply??

- FORT SLIDES?
- EMHART WARREN?
- TETRON?

STILL HAVE SERVICE CONCERN  
(push TO SNAP?)  
(UNSCREW TO REMOVE?)



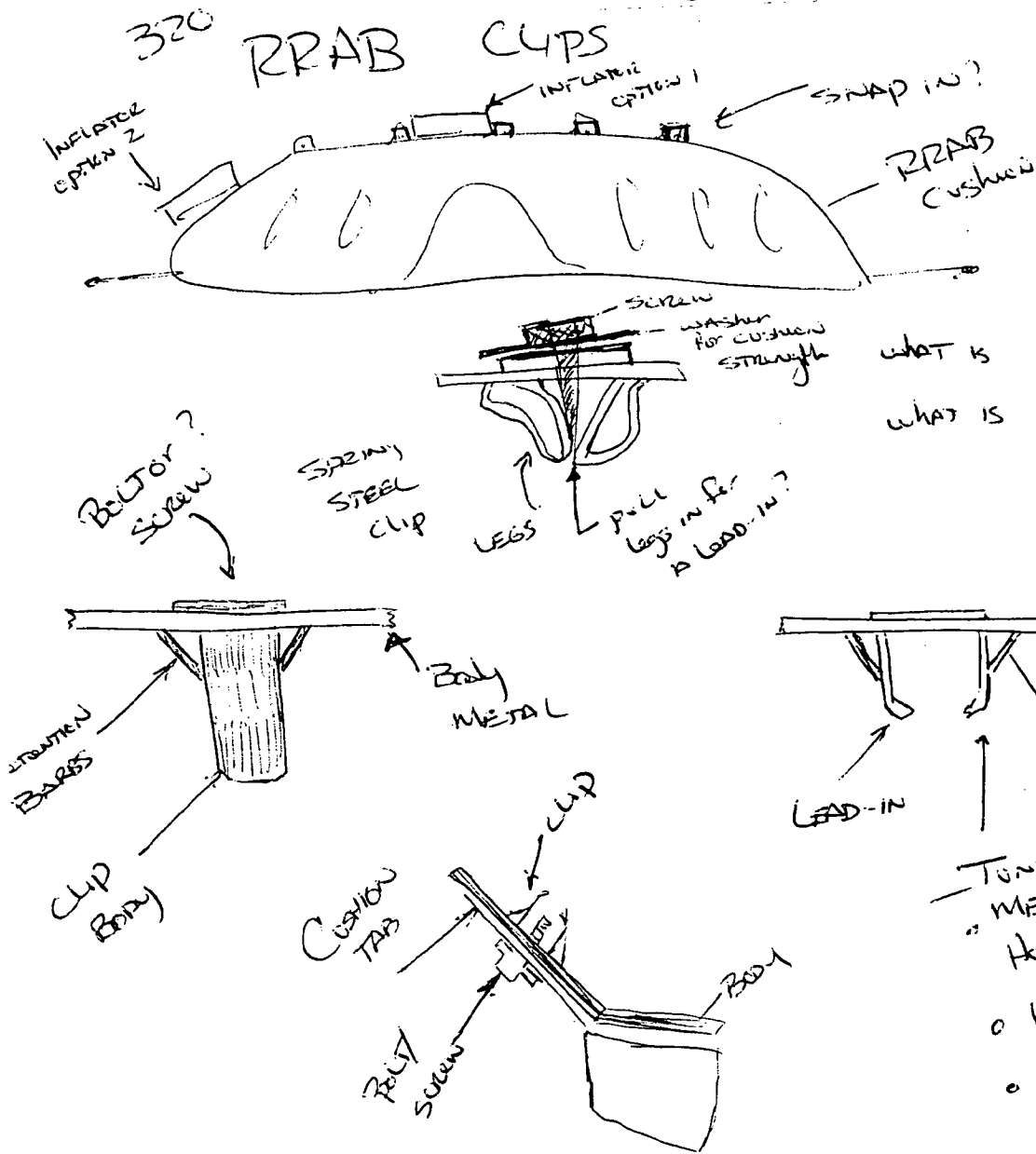
How TO securely install without turning belt/screw?  
what KIND OF ~~hole~~ HOLE SHAPE?  
(ROUND, SQUARE, RECTANGLE)  
- How DOES this IMPACT RETENTION?

KNOWN - Triax clips slip on A BLADE  
(CAN we change to screw? we have  
cloth TAB ON CUSHION)

KNOWN - Screws ENABLES SERVICE



9/15/99  
QWR



what is INSERTION requirement?  
what is EXTRACTION requirement?

NOTE

- Call Jeff Schultz  
RE: PPT
- Review Assembly Process  
Allowed cycle time

**Marc Malooley - Re: Snap-In RRAB: Patent Application Draft Revisions**

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**From:** <jeffrey.j.schultz@gm.com>  
**To:** "Marc Malooley"  
**Date:** 11/19/2001 12:31 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Snap-In RRAB: Patent Application Draft Revisions  
**CC:** <jeffrey.w.ronne@gm.com>

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Marc,

Everything looks good from this end, thanks for all of your help. Feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
Jeff

"Marc Malooley" <MMALOOLEY@brookskushman.com> on 11/16/2001 06:18:31 PM

To: Jeffrey J. Schultz/US/GM/GMC@GM, Jeffrey W. Ronne/US/GM/GMC@GM  
cc:  
Subject: Snap-In RRAB: Patent Application Draft Revisions

Gentlemen:

Per my conversation with Jeff Ronne earlier this week, I revised the application to make it clear that the bracket is not an essential feature.

This involved changing the "Claims"--i.e., the eleven numbered paragraphs on pages 8 and 9. In addition, there are three paragraphs on page 4 (highlighted in the attached revision) that were changed to match the claims. Finally, I added specific language regarding the non-essential status of the bracket: this is found on page 6, also highlighted in the revision.

I took the opportunity to tighten up some other areas, but the important revisions are the two highlighted areas in the specification (main text) and the claims on pages 8 and 9.

Please review the attachment to see if it better captures your invention. Your comments have been very helpful and I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

**From:** Marc Malooley  
**To:** Jeff Ronne; Jeff Schultz  
**Date:** 11/9/01 9:53AM  
**Subject:** Snap-In RRAB: Patent Application Draft

Jeff^2:

Here's the draft of the application in MS Word format. I've included the drawings in PDF format so you can follow the numbering in the "Detailed Description" section.

Please make changes as necessary to either the text or the drawings; I look forward to your comments.

--MFM

**From:** Marc Malooley  
**To:** jeffrey.w.ronne@gm.com  
**Date:** 10/29/01 11:19AM  
**Subject:** Re: Patent Application - Roof Rail Air Bag

Jeff:

I've attached two views of the RRAB that I will be using in the application. Can you have your draftsmen convert these 3-D renderings to line dwgs?

It will help my draftsman when he prepares the formal drawings for filing with the Patent Office. If you can e-mail me the drawing files (which should be a manageable size in 2-D), that would be best. However, if there is an issue with sending out actual drawing files, "JPEG's" will also work.

Thanks again.

--MFM

**CC:** jeffrey.j.schultz@gm.com

**Marc Malooley - Re: Finalizing Dwgs**

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**To:** "Marc Malooley"  
**Date:** 10/19/2001 8:09 PM  
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Marc,

I have reviewed the attachment. I believe it accurately reflects the information from the two views I sent you.

Thank you,

Jeff

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"Marc Malooley" <MMALOOLEY@brookskushman.com> on 10/18/2001 02:13:38 PM

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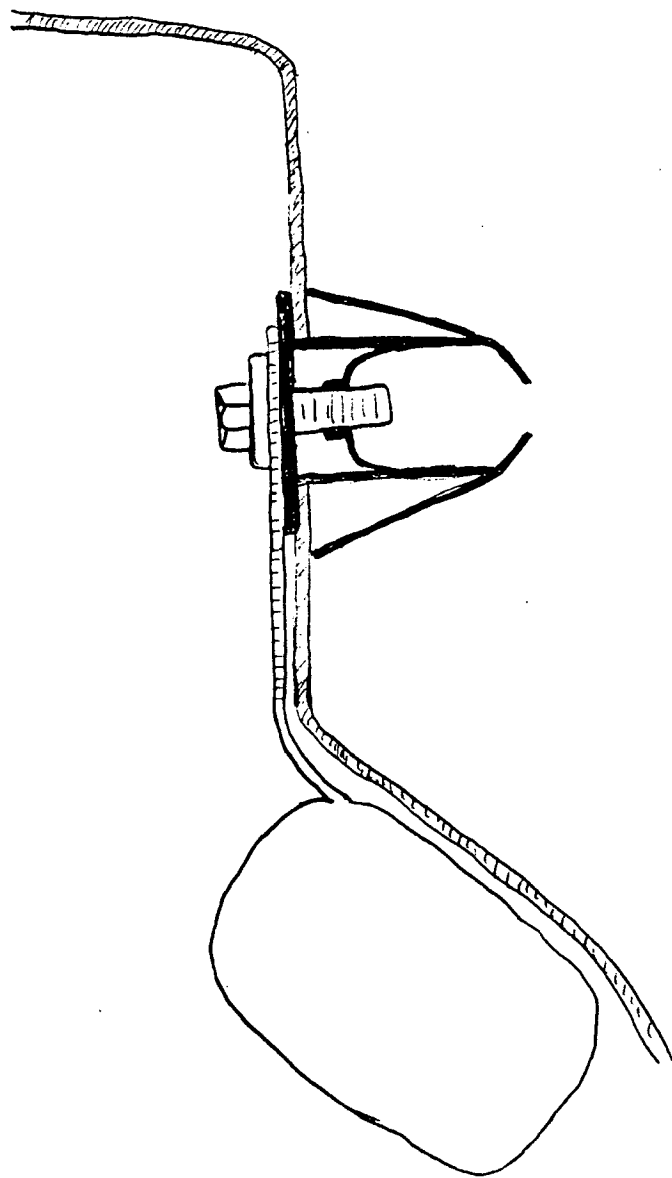
Jeff:

In case you didn't get my voice mail message:

I've attached a sectional view of the snap-in assembly. I tried to combine both views you sent me into one dwg.

Please let me know if this matches the configuration of the actual device. Once we get this finalized, I'll have a draft of the application for you and Jeff Shultz to review. Thanks again.

--MFM



**Marc Malooley - Patent Application - Roof Rail Air Bag**

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**From:** <jeffrey.w.ronne@gm.com>  
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**Date:** 10/8/01 1:29 PM  
**Subject:** Patent Application - Roof Rail Air Bag  
**CC:** <jeffrey.j.schultz@gm.com>

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Marc,

The following attachments will hopefully meet your needs concerning our patent application. I apologize for the amount of time it took to generate these files. Please review and let either myself or Jeff Schultz know if you need additional information or pictures.

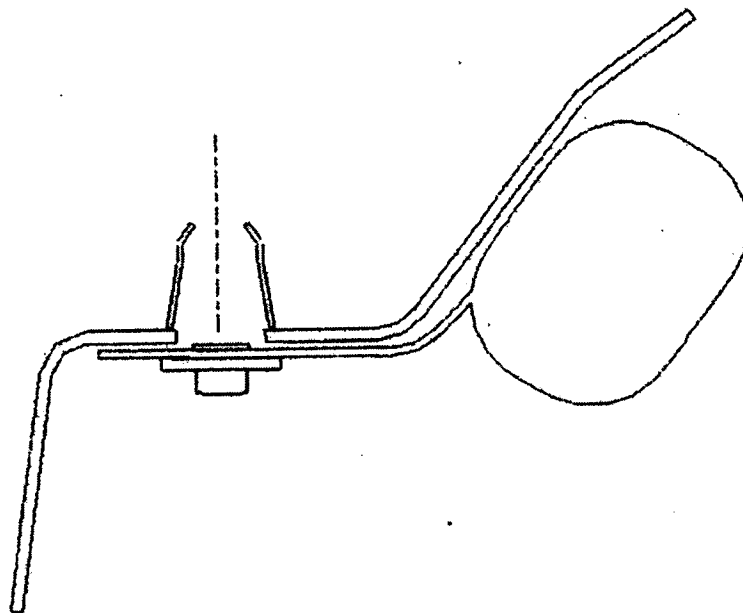
Thank you for your help,

Jeff

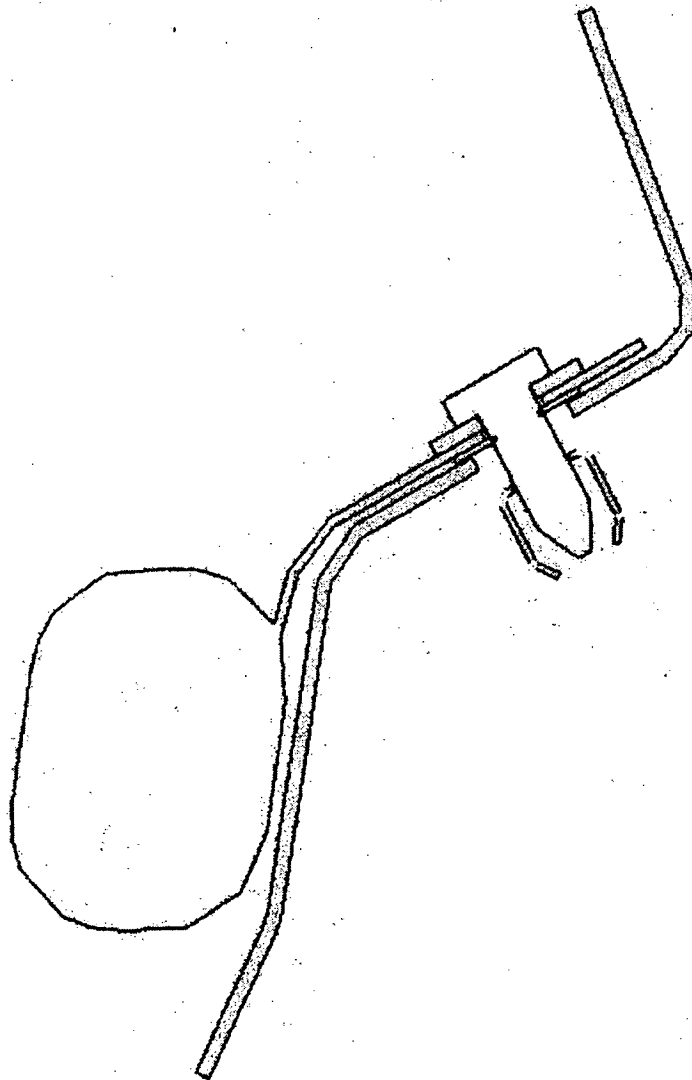
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## Marc Malooley - Re: Snap-in Roof Rail Air Bag

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**From:** <jeffrey.w.ronne@gm.com>  
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**Date:** 10/2/01 8:15 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Snap-in Roof Rail Air Bag  
**CC:** <jeffrey.j.schultz@gm.com>

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Mark,

I have reviewed your .pdf file. Jeff and I should be able to provide you with the detail you are asking for. Unfortunately, due to some off-site meetings, I will not be able to get the information back to you until Friday. If you need anything else in the interim, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jeff

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**From:** Marc Malooley  
**To:** jeffrey.w.ronne@gm.com  
**Date:** 9/27/01 3:03PM  
**Subject:** Jeff:

Jeff:

Attached are a couple of sample drawings that will give you an idea of what would be good to include with your patent application.

The first, labeled Fig. 1, shows the interior of a vehicle with a side air bag assy. installed. In this figure, the air bag is deployed (something we do not want to show in our drawing.) In general however, this is what is needed: a drawing that shows the snap-in air bag as appears after installation. This merely illustrates the relationship between your invention and its surroundings.

The next page shows "Fig. 3 and Fig. 4". It would be beneficial to show a sectional view of a roof rail with the snap-in assembly installed. Again, this is just additional detail as to how the snap-in clip interfaces with the roof rail, and where the air bag hangs in relation to it.

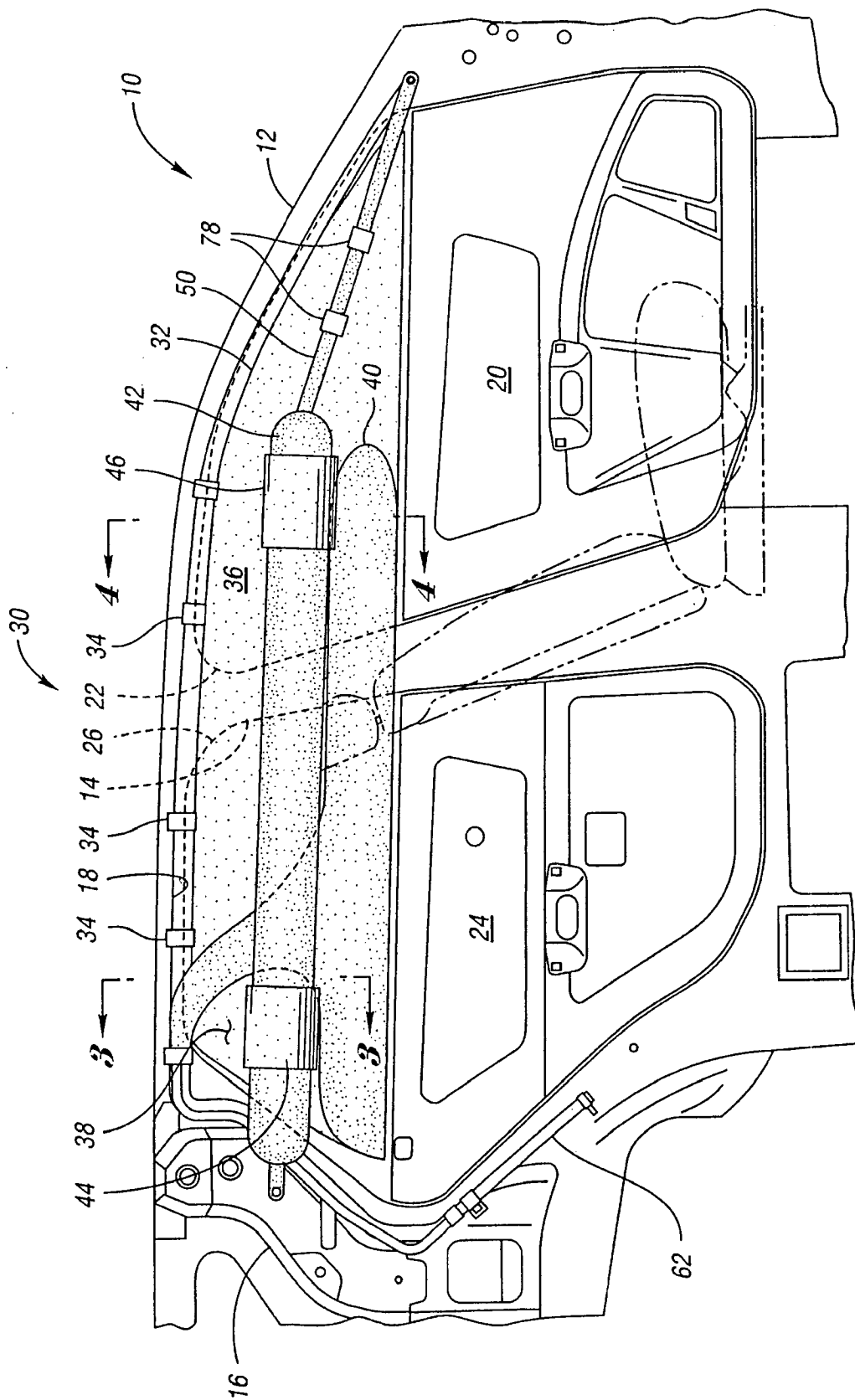
If you can provide these two drawings--one with the vehicle interior and one showing a sectional side view--it will enhance the description of the invention, and make it easier to understand. You can e-mail, fax, or mail the drawings to me.

Once these two drawings are incorporated, I will provide you and Jeff Shultz with a copy of the application draft, so that you can both make comments.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter; I look forward to hearing from you.

--MFM

P.S. I would have cc'd Jeff Shultz, but did not have his e-mail address.



*Fig. 1*

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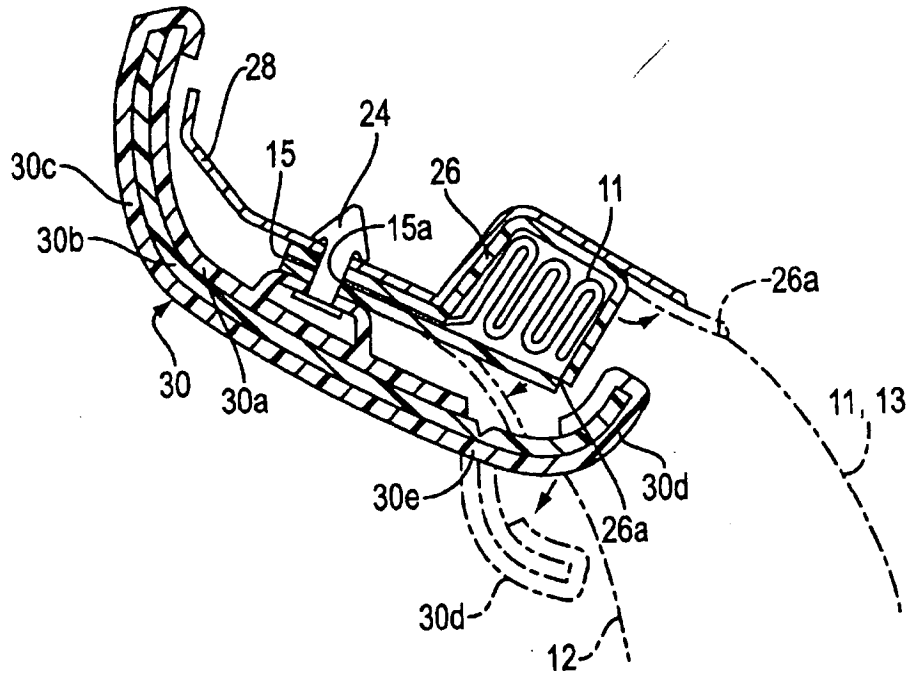


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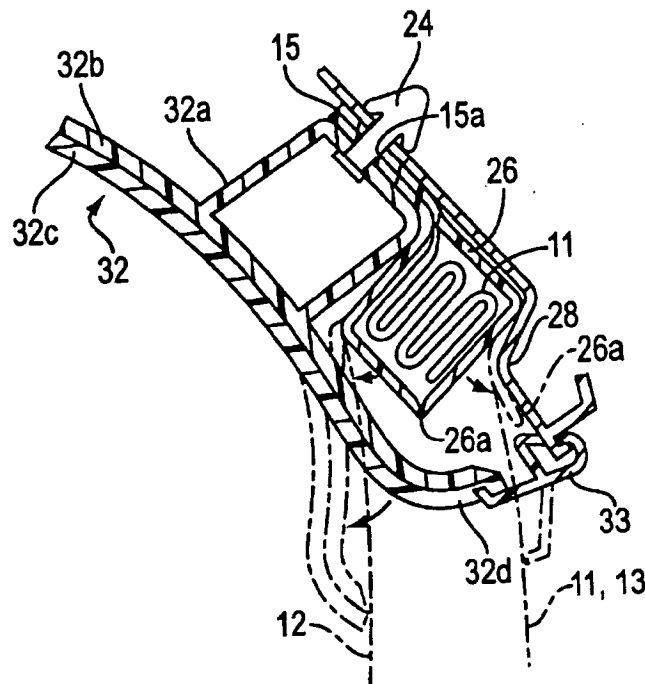


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Re: **U.S. Patent Application**  
**SNAP-IN ROOF RAIL AIR BAG ASSEMBLY**  
**AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION**  
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Dear Laura:

Enclosed for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following:

1. Patent application with drawings and reference number list;
2. Prior art references (U.S. Patent Nos. 5,458,367; 5,803,486; 5,988,735; and 6,082,761); and
3. Diskette with application and drawings (in Word format).

Also enclosed are two sheets of original color drawings that were requested to be returned to you.

This application was prepared by Marc Malooley. The drawings have also been e-mailed to Dave Leland. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments, or if you require anything further.

Very truly yours,

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